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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

Local artist Dave Sanford demonstrated the extraordinary art of psanky (Ukrainian egg decoration) at the Middleton Branch on April 15. Mr. Sanford worked on-site while the library was open, and users were invited to watch or stop by his display with questions.

AVRL's Wolfville Memorial Library is offering a 6-week *Babies and Books* program. This is a lapsit program designed for babies from newborn to 2 years old. Each child is invited to bring a lap along with them (a parent, caregiver) and be prepared to enjoy books, songs, finger plays and fun.

Recent computer-related programming for children included fun topics like *Planning Your Family's Next Dream Vacation; Screen Savers; Planning for a Picnic (what to bring, games, etc.);* and *Text Art* .

AVRL was invited once again to be a part of the Kings County Diabetes Day exhibits held in May, and also took part in the *Celebrating 50 Plus, Living the Good Life* event on May 24 in Annapolis County.

Jay Stirling, AVRL's computer technician, is enjoying the assistance of a 5-week work placement student from the NS Community College. Linda Sabean is enrolled in the Business and Information Technology program, specializing in Systems and Network Management.

The following is a recent comment AVRL received about the new *On-Line Book Clubs*:

" I just wanted to let you know that I love the new online book clubs! I joined the business book club a couple of weeks ago and I have found that the mix of book choices and segments gives me amazing motivation and energy

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to start my day, and seemingly my life. The length of the readings is perfect for someone with a busy schedule and I always find time for my morning "blup" of information that seems so valid. While studying part time towards my BBA sometimes I wonder if I will ever get where I want to go . . . these books encouraging success and inner strength reinforce my beliefs that hard work and true desire will get me there. Have a great day!"

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

The program room at the McConnell Library doubled as an art gallery during the month of May for two groups of aspiring students. During the first week of May young artists from Harbourside Elementary School, under the tutelage of art teacher Colleen Campbell displayed their works of art to the delight of staff and library patrons alike. Gail Linden has been offering art lessons to students of all ages in the local area for the last number of years. This is the second year that Gail has displayed her works and that of her students at the Library.

Art teacher Colleen Campbell is shown setting up the art display.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide newsletter readers with pictures of this second art show, suffice it to say that the Library enjoys the part it plays in bringing the works of these talented artists to a larger audience. Both shows held an opening night and were very successful.

A short, dark and hairy fellow came behind the desk to wish CBRL's Anne MacDonald a happy birthday during the month of April. I am not permitted to divulge Anne's age, but the big monkey said something about being 29 again.

The Winter Spring Adult programs have concluded for another year. One of CBRL's most successful programs was *In Search of the Hebrides* a four part slide presentation. Ranni Gillis, a well known local author and newspaper columnist visited Scotland no less that 14 times. From each trip, Ranni brought back with him interesting stories of the people he met, and awe inspiring photographs of the places he'd seen. Each Tuesday night for four consecutive weeks 45-50 people felt that they too had visited Scotland.

Author Ranni Gillis, shown here standing on the left, with his program assistant during his slide presentation.

CBRL hosted an in-service for all staff on April 28. The first part of the 1/2 day session was conducted by CBRL Automation Librarian Faye MacDougall. Faye provided a much appreciated update on automation, which enlightened staff as to where CBRL is going. The second part of the morning dealt with stress in the workplace. Stress Management Consultant Christine Sullivan provided staff with a greater appreciate of the causes of stress and the tools to deal effectively with it.

CBRL's Automation Librarian Faye MacDougall made a presentation to staff during the April 28 in-service.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

50/50 Library Lotto Winner!

A Moncton resident was the winner of the 50/50 Library Lotto draw. Mike Turner, managing editor of the Truro Daily News, drew the winning ticket from a red revolving drum in the main reading room of the Truro Library. The fund raiser was an excellent learning experience for staff, raised public awareness of library needs, and earned $2,318 for library coffers.

A Visit to Dalhousie University

Recently, Lynda Marsh, CEHRL's Administrator of Youth Services, and Janet Tuff, Coordinator of the Teen

Friends of the Library, once again visited with students in Professor Vivian Howard's young adult literature course at Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Services. Their presentation was well received and they enjoyed meeting the students.

A Taste of Library Life

For two days in May, a library patron who is considering studying to become a library technician, talked with staff and observed work throughout the Truro Branch and headquarters. In her letter of thanks, she wrote "I found all the staff to be so helpful, friendly and candid that I feel I really got quite a taste of library life. I must say everyone and every department seemed so interesting to me that I an sure working in a library is something I would want to pursue . . . I really appreciate the effort you all put forth on my behalf especially considering how busy you all are, a fact of which the public, myself included until now, are blissfully unaware . . . . Thanks again for a rewarding and enlightening experience."

Truro Rotary Club

The Rotary club of Truro has donated $300 to *Baby, Me and Mother Goose,* the infant program offered jointly by CEHRL and Maggie's Place, a family resource centre in Truro.

Magazine Funds

Staff went public about CEHRL's loss of magazine funds through the bankruptcy of the subscription agent, divineTM Library Services, and invited donations to recover some of the lost money. To date, $483.39 has been raised through donation jars at branch circulation desks.

Co-op Student

Michelle Grace, a co-op student from the Bachelor of Public Relations program at Mount Saint Vincent University, has joined CEHRL for the summer. Michelle will be working on several projects, such as reviewing and critiquing the library's current promotional material, researching slogans as a marketing tool and planning a library slogan contest, and assisting the library foundation with its work. A grant from the provincial government's summer student employment program will cover half of Michelle's wages, with CEHRL and Library Foundation covering the remaining costs.

CEHRL's co-op student Michelle Grace.

It's Official!

CEHRL Foundation is now an official charity. The foundation's board is planning an official launch, to take place during Public Library Week in October, and its first annual giving campaign, also scheduled for the fall.

Staff Fund Raisers for the Library Foundation

Support for the Library Foundation is front and centre with CEHRL staff. Half of last year's casual-dress Fridays were earmarked for the foundation and raised $468. This spring, the sale of Vesey's flower bulbs to friends and neighbours brought in $413.50. Then on Saturday May 10, staff held a yard sale on the lawn of the Truro Branch Library under a canopy provided free of charge by the Investors Financial Group. Event organizer Daphne Cragg gathered and organized the *treasures* donated by staff from all CEHRL branches. It rained, snowed and hailed, but staff volunteers and buyers prevailed to make it a successful event. The two-hour sale raised $524.46 for the foundation.

Two CEHRL staff, shown here in the forefront, make change during the big yard sale.

Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

Author Harry Thurston entertained a full house at the Amherst Library with a reading and slide show of his newest book *Island of the Blessed: The Secrets of Egypt's Everlasting Oasis*. Harry recounted his firsthand experiences traveling in Egypt and showed some of his numerous slides. *Island of the Blessed* offers the reader a fascinating look into the culture, geography and history of Egypt.

CURL Chief Librarian Frances Newman and author Harry Thurston.

At the end of April, children in Amherst and Springhill were treated to magic shows with Al Bernard. Bernard's annual magic shows are always a big hit and this year more than 160 children attended. Aside from CURL's regular schedule of children's programming, the Springhill Library offered a landscaping workshop and Amherst presented a one night seminar on flower arranging at the end of May. Computer classes continue to be popular

with a two night hardware maintenance course back by popular demand.

CURL Board Chair, Robert Angel, has agreed to serve as a representative on the Library Funding Formula Review Committee.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Free internet access at the library was the attraction recently at the Sherbrooke Branch when American-based author Ursula Hegi strolled through the door. Hegi, who is touring the Maritimes with her husband, signed a copy of her book, *Salt Dancers*, and made a donation to the *Adopt-A-Library* program. Hegi's other titles in the ECRL collection include *The Vision of Emma Blau, Stones From the River,* and *Floating in my Mother's Palm.*

Corporal Terry Miller, Sherbrooke RCMP detachment, made a presentation of children's and young adult's books valued at $2500 to the *Adopt-A-Library* program at the Sherbrooke Branch Library. The books will be a welcome addition to the collection, especially at this time of the year as the Branch is preparing for the Summer Reading Program.

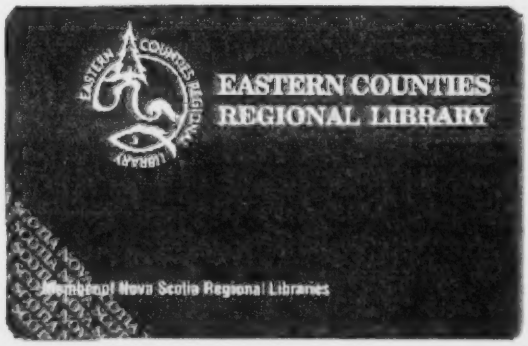
Corporal Terry Miller, Sherbrooke RCMP, presents Library Assistant Lesley Brothers with a variety of children's books for ECRL.

Kenneth David, Library Assistant at Petit de Grat Library and School Services, helped students at Walter Fougere School in Evanston, Richmond County, search for materials during one of his recent visits. Kenneth visits both this school and the Felix Marchand school in Louisdale on a regular schedule during the school year, setting up a *travelling* library in the school library in one school and in the gym in another.

Kenneth David and students at Walter Fougere School.

The Coady Tompkins Library in Margaree Forks is delighted to be hosting the 6-week *Read to Me Program*. Sponsored by Cape Breton's Family Place Resource Centre and hosted at the Branch, the program is aimed at pre-school children between the ages of 3 and 5, encouraging early literacy skills and a love of reading. Children are accompanied by an adult and participate in an hour of stories, action songs, crafts and snacks. At the conclusion, each child is given a kit to take home which includes a story book and related craft. By all accounts, the program is a resounding success!

The results are in! March Library Card Month attracted 315 new members to ECRL. New members qualified for a chance to win a subscription to a community newspaper or a book prize. This year's success can be attributed to many factors, foremost of which was staff involvement at the Branches, Links, and Headquarters locations - a significant reason for the overall success. In addition, the ongoing media coverage, community, municipal and sponsor support were all contributing elements of the campaign. ECRL thanks community sponsors The Reporter, The Inverness Oran, The Guysborough Journal, 101.5 The Hawk radio station, and Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury.



Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

HRL Reports Impressive Increase in Library Usage

Recent statistics for HRL show that close to three million people visited the Library last year, taking advantage of a huge selection of services, programs and learning opportunities. Overall, increases indicate that HRL continues to attract new users and meet an ever-growing demand for services and materials.

The largest increases over the last year were the number of holds people placed on library items- 673,778 (a 30 per cent increase over last year); the number of new people registering for a library card (29,664 people or a 28.9 per cent increase) and in the number of people attending adult programs - 25,147 adults attended 1,774 programs (a 27.6 per cent increase over 2001-2002). Also impressive were the 572,966 remote library visits via e-branch (a 26.8 per cent increase) and the 4,362,100 items (12.4 per cent increase) borrowed by HRL patrons over the last year.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

The New Glasgow Library Program Room is currently hosting *ABC for Babies*, a pilot project created for the development of early literacy skills in children. Aimed at parents and their children, aged new born to twelve months, the interactive program uses song, finger plays and rhymes to assist in telling picture book stories. Modeled after similar, successful sessions offered by other library regions around the province, the program focuses on the importance of parents reading to their children at an early age. To further help in the social interaction of the participants, each session is followed by an unstructured social time. Held each Tuesday until the end of June, the program is run by PARL's Children's Programming Assistant, Stacey Munroe. If the program is well attended, it will be offered again in the fall for an eight-week period.

Retired principal, tireless researcher, and author Bill Gerrior recently read from his new book *Acadian Awakenings* at the New Glasgow Library Program Room. Bill is shown here with copies of his books, his genealogical display and the one tool which made his research material possible to manage - his laptop.

South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

Shutter Bugs Welcome

Liverpool C@P site instructors Josh Wamboldt and Matthew Kendrick hope for a repeat of their successful *Get the Most From Your Digital Camera* workshop at the Liverpool C@P Lab. The last session on May 3 was full and fun. Time and date for the next course to be announced.

Mr. Nova Scotia Know-It-All

Bruce Nunn, otherwise known as *Mr. Nova Scotia Know-It-All* visited Lunenburg on Wednesday, May 14 to talk about stories from his latest book *More History with a Twist*. This book offers 60 new stories from around Nova Scotia, including tales of dramatic sea adventures, interesting links to major world events and stories of pride, heroism and oddities guaranteed to draw a smirk! More than 30 people gathered at the Lunenburg Academy to hear Nunn entwine history with fiction and make the stories of our maritime heritage a delight to listen to. An evening spent with Bruce Nunn is entertaining and informative.

Tale Spinners

The IWK External Grants Foundation has approved a $13,550 grant which will enable SSRL to establish *Tale Spinners*, a program for infants and toddlers throughout Lunenburg and Queens Counties. *Tale Spinners* will be free for parents/caregivers and their tots. This series of programs will offer participants the opportunity to engage in learning activities in a family-friendly atmosphere. Parents and caregivers will learn about the parenting and other resources of the library and community, and about ways to stimulate language acquisition and literacy skills in their children. The program will foster life-long learning and offer social interaction for babies, toddlers and caregivers. It will also be fun - little ones will enjoy board books, games, rhymes and finger plays while developing

a basis for literacy and learning. Sessions will be in Town Branch Libraries and in communities served by Mobile Branch Libraries. *Tale Spinners* should be up and running by early September.

Authors to Visit the Library

SSRL's line-up of visiting authors for June is nothing short of spectacular! All readings are sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts and are open to the public. Susan Haley, author of *Maggie's Family,* visited the Lunenburg Library on June 3 at 7 p.m. *Maggie's Family* is the story of a woman whose marriage is in tatters and whose teenage daughters aren't coping well with their recent move - sans Dad - to a small Nova Scotia resort town. Maggie's chance encounter with a teenage sweetheart turns her world on its head, altering her perception of love and family. Haley, who hails from Black River, NS, is currently writing her next book which is scheduled to be published next fall.

Poetry lovers will appreciate a reading by poets Carole Langille and Alison Smith on June 6 at the Lunenburg Library. Langille, who was nominated for the Governor General's Award for her last book of poetry, *In Cannon Cave*, will read from her latest collection of poetry, *Late In a Slow Time*. Smith also has a new book of poems, *Six Mats & One Year,* published by Gaspereau Press.

Hackmatack nominees Mary Jane Hampton, Maxine Trottier and Richard Scrimger will tour some South Shore schools on June 16 and 17. Mary Jane Hampton will visit Mill Village School to read from and discuss her book, *The Cat from Kosovo*, on June 16. Students at West Northfield School will be delighted to meet Maxine Trottier on June 17 when she talks about her book *Standing Stones*. Richard Scrimger, author of *A Nose for Adventure*, will read to students at Hebbville Academy on June 17.

Begin the Quest!

The *Summer Reading Quest*, that is. Tots to teens will want to collect the coveted trading cards offered at each level of the Library's *Summer Reading Quest,* this year's Summer Reading Program. The program, which begins in late June, offers kids the opportunity to read their way to exciting prizes and earn a full colour poster. Details will be available at all SSRL libraries by mid-June.

BOOK SALE Success!

SSRL's recent Book Sale at the Michelin Social Club in Bridgewater was an unqualified success! Library staff and volunteers raised $5,800 from the sale of books which are outdated, worn out or no longer in demand on Library sheives. Plans are already underway for the Library's next book sale, September 20 & 21, also at the Michelin Social Club on Logan Rd. in Bridgewater.

His Majesty's Yankees Update

Almost 100 residents of Queens County and Liverpool have read *His Majesty's Yankees* and recorded it at the Thomas H. Raddall Library in Liverpool. SSRL has challenged all adults in Queens County to read the book by November 13, 2003, in honour of what would have been Mr. Raddall's 100th birthday.

Health Information Line

Ruth Reedman has begun work on creating a Health Information Line for Lunenburg County. This project is a partnership of the Lunenburg County Community Health Board, South Shore Health, South Shore Regional Library and the Nova Scotia Health Network. The project's goal is to establish and sustain a phone line by which real people can talk to real people for health information and local referrals - similar to the successful *2-1-1* service in Toronto. An online database will be a part of the service.

Fundraising Assistant and Consultant

SSRL staff succeeded in a recent fundraising/community awareness proposal to HRDC. This funding will enable

the Library to hire a fundraising consultant and an assistant for one year. SSRL's consultant, Eleanor Wright, will lead the foray into the fundraising realm. The Assistant will be hired in early June and will assist in organizing all current and new fundraising campaigns for the next year.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

Library Lotto Update

WCRL's second biennial Library Lotto 50/50 draw is at the halfway point of the three-month campaign. To this point the lottery has raised a whopping $4,520. The lottery runs until July 1 when the main draw will be held.

IT Week Expo in Yarmouth

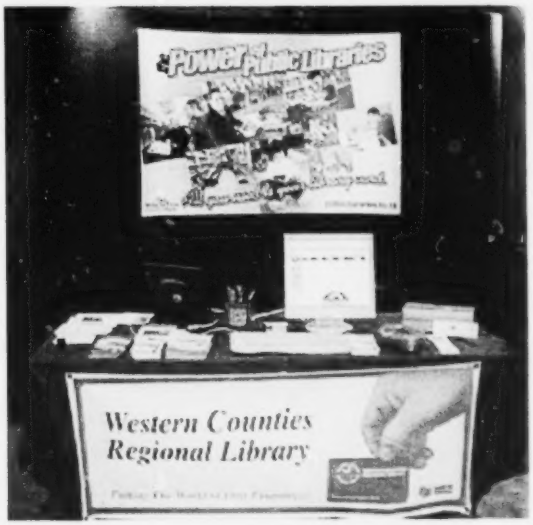
Organizers are describing the first South West It Week as a success. The week featured open houses throughout Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties, where businesses and non-profit organizations demonstrated the ways they are using Information Technology. IT week culminated in the South West IT Expo on Friday, May 9, which drew 1400 people to see 26 exhibitors, including Lindows.com, Inc., a San Diego, California-based business producing an affordable, easy-to-use alternative to Microsoft's operating system. Company president Michael Robertson, the Expo's keynote speaker, gave an inspiring and informative talk about his background and his products. He challenged participants to think creatively when tackling challenges, drawing on his own experiences as founder of Mp3.com. That internet-based digital music distribution system has revolutionized the way a generation is accessing music. He wants to do the same thing for computer software programs.

WCRL's Director Trudy Amirault accepts the IT Entrepreneur of the year Award from Lindows.com, Inc. CEO Michael Robertson during an awards reception held at the South West IT Week Expo. This was one of several awards to recognize local achievements in the area of Information Technology.

WCRL played a key role in planning the IT week as Director Trudy Amirault co-chaired the planning committee. Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard headed a committee that organized several successful contests for students, including the Dead Computer Award, which challenged junior and senior high students to create art from old computer parts. Public Relations Manager Belle Hatfield chaired the public relations committee.

One component of the week was an Excellence in IT Awards program. Amongst the award winners was the Library's Director, Trudy Amirault, who was named IT Entrepreneur of the Year for her continuing efforts to use Information Technology to transform the way WCRL delivers services.

This event was the first time the Nova Scotia Provincial Library's new pop-up display unit was used. The unit allowed WCRL to present a professional face at the Expo and drew many people to the booth.



WCRL's display during the South West IT Week.

Library Budget 2003

For the first time in the Library's history, the WCRL Board has approved the imposition of fines for overdue materials effective Monday, June 2. The decision to impose fines is one of several measures taken during the library's budget deliberations. WCRL's Director Trudy Amirault said the move to impose fines is necessary in order to begin recovering the costs associated with handling overdue books and other materials. "The board was very reluctant to make this move, but we can't continue to absorb the costs associated with managing overdue materials without cutting back services to all our borrowers, most of whom are returning materials on time," commented Amirault.

Library Launches New Computer Program During IT Week

A new computer course, designed to introduce the keyboard to those with no background in computers, was launched during an open house at the Gates Computer Lab at the Izaak Walton Killam Library in Yarmouth on Wednesday, May 7. The open house was in celebration of South West IT Week, part of a national celebration of Canada's innovation in the use of Information Technology. WCRL Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard stated that the four-week course was developed by Gates Lab staff to take the intimidation out of computers. "Many people are reluctant to begin learning basic computer programs because they aren't familiar with the keyboard. Not knowing their way around the keyboard creates a real barrier for those who might otherwise be interested in exploring the world of computers and the Internet," commented Stoddard. Demonstrations of several basic computer courses offered through the Gates Lab including Computer Basics, Introduction to the Internet and Introduction to Word were also presented. The open house at the Gates Lab was one of several events held throughout WCRL, in celebration of South West IT Week. In addition, Lockeport held a web awareness program for parents and adults who work with children. All 10 WCRL branches are also C@P sites where the public has free access to computers and the Internet.

Kasey Forbes watches as Sheila Deveau tries out the new keyboarding program at the Gates Lab in Yarmouth.

Online Book Club Launched

So many books, so little time! WCRL has launched a new service, the *Online Book Club*, *Chapter-a-day*, which delivers books electronically. Each day, Monday through Friday, the library will email subscribers a portion of a book that takes about five minutes to read. They're able to read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If they like a book, they can reserve a copy to borrow from the library. Each week the library features new books. With seven book clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone. Patrons can read fiction, nonfiction, romance, business, good news and teen books or listen to audio books in their email. What a great way to explore new book selections, even when you are too busy to visit the library. WCRL Deputy Director, Virginia Stoddard says, the service is great service, "especially for busy people who didn't think they had time to read."

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (SLIS)

The School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) regrets to announce the sudden death of Dr. Bryce Allen on April 27, 2003. Dr. Allen taught courses at SLIS during the summers of 1991 and 1996. On his retirement from the University of Missouri, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies in 2001, he and his wife, Dr. Gill Allen, moved to Nova Scotia. Both Bryce and Gill were appointed Adjunct Professors at SLIS in 2002. Dr. Allen was a well-known scholar and a dedicated teacher; he received the 2003 Award for Teaching Excellence in the Field of Library and Information Science Education presented by the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE).

SLIS would like to extend congratulations to the winners of the annual Canadian Library Association (CLA) student travel awards. M. J. D'Elia (Student to CLA Award) and Elizabeth Millar (Alberta Letts Travel Award) will represent Dalhousie at this year's CLA/ALA Conference in Toronto.

A reception for SLIS alumni will be held during the CLA/ALA conference in Toronto on Sunday, June 22 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This reception will be part of the Cooperative Library and Information Science School Reunion organized by ALISE. For more information, please contact Shanna Balogh at SLIS slis@dal.ca.

Convocation took place on May 22, 2003, and was followed by a reception at the Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management. The faculty and staff at SLIS would like to congratulate all our graduates and their friends and families.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, NOVA

SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On May 15 three students from the Library and Information Technology program of the Nova Scotia Community College - (l-r) Mary O'Beirne, Nancy Hynes and Christine Stark - presented HRL's Heather MacKenzie, shown here second from the right, 35 copies of a resource book prepared to support this year's summer reading program. The theme this summer is *The Summer Reading Quest.*

Working together, the students developed for each of the six fantasy characters, a fiction and non-fiction reading list, a word quest and a word scramble with answer key. They also located appropriate colouring pages, crafts, recipes, music, games & riddles and clip art & websites for this year's theme. With the help of the College's print shop, they manually bound each copy. This is the third such activity book developed by students in the LT program.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

FAREWELL TO SUSAN CLARK

Dr. Susan Clark, Senior Executive Director, Higher Education Branch, Department of Education, has overseen the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the regional public library system since October 2000. Susan is leaving the Department at the end of June to return to Ontario where she will take up the position of Vice-President Academic at Trent University. We wish her well in the next stage of her academic career. A search for her successor has been initiated, so stay tuned for more news.

REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Province has recently made three new appointments to regional library boards; Bonnie MacDonald (reappointment) to CBRL, Suzanne White to WCRL and Barbara Kynock to AVRL. Each regional library board has two members appointed by the Province. We welcome these three people to their respective boards and wish them well in their role as trustees.

C@P CONFERENCE 2003

On May 23 and 24 the Office of Economic Development (OED) hosted a conference for the Chairs and Coordinators of the C@P regional working groups or societies in Ingonish. Also in attendance were eight federal and provincial partners.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify and address the future direction for the NS C@P network with the long-term objective of developing and implementing a strategic plan for C@P in Nova Scotia.

Topics of discussion at the Conference cluded Future Governance, Funding Issues, Entrepreneurial Partnerships, Government On-line, Visibility and Marketing, Mapping and Statistical Requirements, and Joint Project Ideas.

As a result of the discussions the following issues were identified as ones that would be tackled in the coming months: collection of statistical information, Government On-line, marketing and promotion, policies and programs, standards and classification, provincial business plan, C@P Inc. (fundraising), governance and digital divide.

WORKSHOP ON LEARNING DISABILITIES & ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER: ISSUES & STRATEGIES FOR THE ADULT EDUCATOR

Metro Council on Continuing Education (MCCE) Professional Development committee was pleased to present Learning Disabilities & Attention Deficit Disorder: Issues & Strategies for the Adult Educator, May 20, 2003, at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library (NSPL). The workshop focused on increasing the capacity of adult educators to meet the needs of adult learners with a learning disability (LD) and/or attention deficit disorder (ADD), known also as AD/HD, or Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Participants discussed the issues and practical strategies relevant to adult basic education program design to help support adult learners affected by these conditions.

Shanda LaRamee, the new Adult Literacy Coordinator from The Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia (LDANS), facilitated an exercise that proved to participants how difficult it must be for a person with a LD to be in a formal education class, amongst peers who do not understand the disability. Similarly, Charmaine Bellefontaine, Attention Deficit Association of Nova Scotia (ADANS) gave an overview of Attention Deficit & Hyperactivity Disorder in adults. She discussed helpful accommodations to consider in creating learning environments, such as creating an environment where paperwork was kept to a minimum, and human interaction involved patience and humour.

Dr. Tahira Shah Ahmed, MD, is a Consultant for children & adults with AD/HD & Teaching staff with the Dept. of Family Medicine, Dalhousie University. She spoke on the afternoon panel with both Shanda and Charmaine, and they were joined by the introductory speaker, Meredith Hutchings, Adult Education Division, NS Dept. of Education. The purpose of the panel was to answer questions and further explore the current state of knowledge as regards AD/HD.

Nova Scotia Public Libraries are interested in improving services to the print disabled, among whom are persons with a perceptual disability, such as a LD. Jill Webster, NSPL, spoke briefly on public libraries and their role in providing materials to the print disabled. Handouts included: a webliography of Canadian sites for the print disabled; a bibliography of recent titles on *Learning Disabilities* from Global Books in Print; a bibliography of some titles from the libraries of the Learning Disabilities Association of NS and the Attention Deficit Association of NS; the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries *Where people connect* brochure; the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries *Talking book* brochure; and the Gale Company handout on the Health and Wellness Resource Centre database.

For more information: LDANS is a non-profit association with a resource library offering advocacy, support and

referral services to anyone dealing with learning disabilities. Contact LDANS at (902) 423-2850 or http://ldans.nsnet.org.

ADANS has a similar mandate and can be reached at (902) 869-1117 or http://www.adans.ns.ca/enter.html. The MCCE hosts numerous events and activities throughout the year. Please visit the MCCE website at http://www.mcce.ca.

HOT TIPS AND UPDATES

SOCIETY OF FUNDRAISING EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE 2003

Four representatives from Nova Scotia's regional library system attended the annual conference of the Society of Fundraising Executives (SFRE) held in Halifax, April 24-25. Those attending were Teresa Workman, SSRL; Belle Hatfield, WCRL; Rosalie Gillis, CBRL and Janet Pelley, CEHRL.

The conference provided insights useful to fundraisers from the smallest, volunteer-based organization to major foundations. With 18 workshops to choose from, there was something of interest to small shop, advanced and board track participants. Among the workshops was a session on trends in fundraising. Among those trends is the increasing demand for accountability and transparency. Organizations that are asking members of their communities to support them must be able to show how much money has been made and how the money has been used. Increasingly, donors want to tie their donation to a specific project or cause. In a pre-conference primer, participants were reminded that fundraising is really about people giving to people. In Canada, 74 per cent of fundraising revenue is donated by individual givers. There are 1600 gift-granting foundations registered in Canada, but those foundations only account for 12 per cent fundraising revenue. Corporations account for the other 14 per cent. There were several workshops devoted to prospect research and development. Research, persistence and patience would appear to be the keys to turning a prospect into a major donor.

Aside from the workshops, the conference featured several dynamic keynote speakers. Topics included branding and the crisis in volunteerism. There was a common thread that ran through all the sessions. Identify, believe in and communicate your cause, empower your staff, board and volunteers to be advocates on behalf of your cause and know the community from whom you are seeking donations. Although not directed at libraries, the conference, none-the-less has much to offer those within the regional library service who are charged with the responsibility of closing the financial gap between operating expenses and operating grants.

APLA IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, MAY 22-25, 2003

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) was held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, May 22-25, 2003. Dr. Fiona Black, Acting Director of Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies, delivered this year's opening address on the topic of the educational needs and aspirations of library workers at all levels. Joy Tillotson, former Head, Information Services Division, Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), received the annual APLA Merit Award posthumously. It is the highest recognition bestowed by the Association on those who have made a lasting contribution to its success. Joy Tillotson's brother, Jim, who lives in Wolfville, N. S., accepted the Award on her behalf at the APLA banquet, and made a moving speech recognizing Joy's love of MUN and librarianship, as did Richard Ellis, University Librarian, MUN.

Jill Webster, Information & Network Services Librarian, and Joanne Tupper, Head of Catalogue Maintenance, both attended on behalf of NSPL and found the sessions very worthwhile. More importantly, perhaps, they found the people of St. John's lived up to their friendly reputation.

Jill gave a presentation *Take a gander at online digital library materials in Atlantic Canada*. The main goals of this session were to show what is being done in Atlantic Canada by focusing on how 4 Atlantic libraries became involved in some cool digital projects; to consider concepts, principles and technical issues involved in their

creation and maintenance, and in the digital projects' environment; to show how digital projects enhance the work of the libraries and collaborating institutions; and finally, to look at problems and issues to be considered. Included in the presentation were handouts which focused on ways libraries can apply for financial aid; how heritage institutions such as libraries can find out more about technical and administrative aspects of starting digitization projects; and how co-operation at the provincial level in Nova Scotia has proceeded, as well as steps that the national level organization, the Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries is taking. Jill included in her discussion how a desire for closer working relationships in digitization led to the formation of the Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative, and how a Steering Committed has been developed, which is chaired by Bernadette Kennedy, Access to NS Library Resources, Librarian, NSPL.

Thanks go out to the 2003 Conference Committee for a wonderful conference! APLA 2004 has been set provisionally to take place in Moncton, New Brunswick, May 26-29, 2004.

REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions which were referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries and answered with help from resources found on the Internet.

Q. The patron would like a picture and description of music notes of the Renaissance period.

A. BUB LINK / 5:15 : Selected Internet resources covering all academic subject areas at http://bubl.ac.uk/link/five/ is part of an Internet-based information service for the UK higher education community. At this page click on *Creative Arts*, then *music - renaissance* or *renaissance music* from the list of topics. Alternatively, you can enter *renaissance music* in the search box on the BUB LINK / 5:15 page for a list of links with information on renaissance music including Renaissance Music Links at http://classicalmus.hispeed.com/rena.html. Reading White Mensural Notation, http://tinkl.dhs.org/~raybro/index1.html is one of the sites listed and it has pictures and information on Renaissance music notation.

Q. The patron wants contact information for Desmond Tutu.

A. At the Directory on the Yahoo site http://www.yahoo.com/ click on *Countries* under the *Regional* heading. Then select the following sequence of links: South Africa>Society and Culture>People>Historical Figures>. In the Historical Figures section click on *Desmond Tutu* for a list of sites which includes the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation. On this site click on the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre where there is an address for Desmond Tutu.

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An article on gardening sites was done for the Linked column several years ago and some of the sites which were reviewed then can be found on the Provincial Library's Reference Services page at http://www.library.ns.ca/services/reference/index.htm. Just click on *subject* and then *Gardening*. Meanwhile this month's column takes a fresh look at this topic.

Canadian Gardening at http://www.canadiangardening.com/ is the site for the print magazine of the same name. The site features a listing of seed catalogues, a site of the month with the current pick plus a listing of past months' sites. The Selected Stories section has a selected article from each issue starting with 2000 and the GARDENet section has a directory of online information organized by category.

Cultivating Canadian Gardens: The history of gardening in Canada can be found on the National Library of Canada's web site at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/garden/. In addition to telling the story of how gardening developed in Canada, there is a bibliography and links to other gardening sites.

East Coast Gardener at http://www.klis.com/fundy/ecg/home.htm is the web site for the print magazine which is published by Cameron Publications. The site features gardening information for the east coast of Canada, links to other gardening sites, a plant hardiness zone map for the Atlantic Canada region and an archive of past issues arranged by issue.

Mark's Garden at http://www.marksgarden.com/ is the site of Canadian gardening expert, Mark Cullen who is known for providing gardening advice on radio and television. Once you enter *Mark's Garden* you can browse through *Mark's Library* or do a site search for information on a particular topic.

GardenWeb at http://www.gardenweb.com/ is a popular, award winning site. It includes Canadian information in its directory sections. Highlights are the *GardenWeb Glossary of Botanical Terms* and *HortiPlex Database*. You can search for plants by common or botanical name in *HortiPlex Database* and locate sites with authoritative information from among the sources listed at http://hortiplex.gardenweb.com/plants/sources.html.

Web sites which were featured in previous *Linked* columns are arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/services/reference/index.htm. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.

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